Manifesto of the Libertarian Party of Maldives

Libertarian Party of Maldives (lpmv) is an unique party that embodies the ideals held by the Libertarian Party of America. We are individuals who dislike the current regime in Maldives and willed to have a better representation of people in our government. We believe in the individual and the rights of the individual which are the only prerequisites for a sound democracy.

Maldives does not have any political parties, in fact political parties are known to be outlawed. Our sole existence as an anonymous party is witness to the grim situation. We, as hundred strong members of an embryonic party, wish to send our message across and be heard by the citizens of Maldives.

Many years ago, we tried to get in touch with the Maldivian public. This was in the few months when Maldives glimpsed a bit of free speech. During this time a number of magazines and publications (Sangu, Hukuru) came out criticizing the government and demanding reform. All of them were banned and a tight knot was spun around democracy. We are children of that age. In need of a bright future and and freedom for individuals, we went forward with the formation of the Libertarian Party of Maldives (lpmv).

As members of the Libertarian party we would like to invite each and every Maldivian to evaluate our concerns and help us give more freedom to individuals. We as members of the Libertarian Party believe in the rights of free speech, free press, right to assemble, right to live without fear and the right to work, play and dream in our own unique ways without government intervention. We want a system which encourages people to choose what they want from life and not be dictated by big brother.

Our special approach to politics is unique among the various political parties in the world. We believe strongly in the individual, their uniqueness and ability to think and change the world as they will. We want a system that respects this uniqueness and encourages the individual to develop with his own free will to his full potential. The Libertarian way is a logically consistent approach to politics based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Each individual has the right to control his or her own body, action, speech, and property. We want the government to exist solely for the purpose of helping individuals defend themselves from force and fraud. We want everything else to be left to the individual.

We are for all who don't want to push other people around and don't want to be pushed around themselves. Live and let live is the Libertarian way.

In order to create awareness we will be publishing a magazine quarterly. The name of this magazine would be "Thakurufaan", in honor of the great lord who saved Maldivians from the wile terror of the Portuguese 430 years ago. Our magazine would be published in PDF and distributed electronically. You are encouraged to print/translate and share our magazine and this manifesto in any way you can. At the same time we would like to warn you about the risks that might be involved in distributing this magazine in Maldives.

If you believe in the rights of the individual and wish to see a government that does not hinder these god given rights, then my dear friend become a Libertarian at heart. There is very less we could do in public, but there is a lot we could do by sharing our message with our friends and family. Libertarian Party is the party of love and hope.

"Live and Let Live"

Libertarian Party Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. All political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life -- accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action -- accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property -- accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.